

**REMARKS**

Claims 12-27 are pending. By this Amendment, claim 11 is canceled in view of the Examiner's indication in paragraph 1 that the independent claim has been canceled by the Examiner in accordance with MPEP 1214.06.

Claims 13 and 15 have been placed into independent form, again consistent with the Board's reversal of the rejection of those claims.

Further, dependent claims 12, 14 and 16-20 have been amended so as to depend from claim 13, while new claims 21-27 have been added and are the equivalent to claims 12, 14 and 16-20, respectively, but depend from claim 15 instead. No new matter is added.

When placing claims 13 and 15 into independent form, the subject matter of canceled claim 11 has been included in claims 13 and 15, respectively. However, the term "plate" (line 9 of claim 11) has been changed to "plates", i.e., correcting an obvious typographical error.

In addition, consistent with the Board's decision, the term "preferably" has been eliminated from claims 13, 14, 15, 18 and 19. Furthermore, consistent with the Board's decision, claim 16 has been amended so as to provide antecedent basis for "a base assembly". Moreover, the dependent claims have been amended so as to ensure consistency from independent claims 13 and 15, e.g., see claim 12, which recites "at least one filling level sensor is in the form of a capacitor...". This amendment makes clear that it is one (or both) of the two filling level sensors recited in claim 13 that are in the form of a capacitor as recited in claim 12.

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Applicants respectfully request entry of the present Amendment. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned. If an extension of time for this paper is required, petition for extension is enclosed.

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